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OPERATIONS GROUP FILE

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## MUSLIM WORLD STATUS REPORT

\* New Items  
 \*\* Status Change

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## 1. Gulf Bureau Enhancement

A. Obtain MODE approvals  
(C/Admin)

Cat I approved, Cat III pending.

B. Recruit monitors (C/Ops)

|           | Slots | On Duty                |      |
|-----------|-------|------------------------|------|
| Arabic    | 4     |                        | 25X1 |
| Persian   | 4     | full-time              |      |
| Urdu      | 1     | full-time, 1 part-time |      |
| Sov/Asian | 7     | (Turkish/Azeri/Uzbek)  |      |

\*\* New Arab monitor and former FBIS Persian monitor Niazzi have entered on duty. An Arab, Russian, and Armenian are in the wings.

## 2. Islamabad monitoring unit

A. Obtain MODE approvals  
(C/Admin)

Cat I approved, Cat III pending.

B. Recruit monitors (C/Ops)

BBC to process material on reimbursable basis. BBC has hired one Russian and one Afghan monitor and one technician. Recruitment continues, including newspaper advertisements. BBC anticipates difficulty finding Soviet Republic vernacular candidates. Tel Aviv is testing one candidate for them. Gulf providing name of interested prospect in Ankara.

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|   | C. Conduct engineering study for remote monitoring system via USG satellite (C/ED&SS) | ** Analysis phase of the study is underway. Preliminary analysis (design) review completed week of 12 May. Final candidate configurations identified.   |
| 3. Cyprus remote-controlled monitoring                              | A. Establish remote site (C/Ops)  | Nicosia Bureau began remote monitoring of Greece and Libya on 1 April from Cyprus Telecommunications Authority antennas on 1-year trial basis. Remote site may be moved to Kili near Paphos.  |
| 4. Soviet media-satellite monitoring                                | A. Obtain contract engineer-support (C/ED&SS)   | Special Russian facsimile processor under development, delivery scheduled for September.  |
|   | B. Recruit engineer (C/Ops)   | Vacancy notices out, several applicants interviewed. ED&SS seeking acceptance of reorganization plan to accommodate necessary staff.  |
|   | C. Install systems, assign engineers (C/Ops)  | ** Okinawa and London systems installed and preliminary testing completed. Cruising now underway.   |
| 5. <u>Preparation of Middle East Review</u> at London Bureau        | A. Obtain MODE approval (C/Admin)   | ** Resubmitted to State on 21 May.  |
| 6. Increased Headquarters exploitation of Muslim World Publications | A. Recruit, hire language officers (10) (C/Prod)                                      | ** NEAAD has hired 4 Arabic linguists, has 1 Urdu/Hindi/Punjabi and 1 Bengali/Hindi in process. One Uzbek/Turkmen/Azeri/Kirghiz/Russian linguist is under consideration. Two new programs--one in UD and 1 in NEAAD--to focus on Muslim World publications became officially operational on 1 June. |

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7. MIDAS Phase I

B. Training for language officers (C/Prod)

\*\* [ ] have completed Azeri and Uzbek language programs at Indiana University. Several staff language officers taking local instruction in Tajik. 25X1

A. Conduct critical design review

\*\* Critical Design Review completed 6 May.

B. Site Modification Planning

\*\* Program Office and ED&SS have met with RECD to initiate implementation of the Installation and Facilities Modification Plan. New Communications Center dedicated circuit equipment has been received and is awaiting installation.

C. Equipment Delivery

\*\* All systems equipment has been delivered to LOGICON with exception of subcontracted Bunker-Ramo Communications interface device.

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